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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a competitive provider because they are a locally owned and operated business. They are transparent with their communication and provide better service than their larger competitors.

We finally are catching up with the rest of the world with respect to cost per megabit. It would be a shame to head backwards on this front. Broadband competition helps keep this ratio low.

As a small business, managing my expenses is critical. Access to affordable and reliable broadband is key to the work I do. Without it, I cannot reach my customers and they cannot reach me. I also loose ready access to information that improves the services I offer them.

I now have fiber where in the past I had DSL, Cable, and Wimax. The speed of the fiber service revolutionized my workflows. I now spend 1/10th the amount of time sending and receiving large files to my customers.

Listen to the people not the corporations.

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